

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are submitted in response to the first Office action in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance. A set of 3 replacement drawing sheets are therefore also submitted so as to replace the original drawings.

Claims 1 and 3 are amended to not only avoid the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, but to also emphasize the distinctions over the Sawyer and Taylor patents relied on for the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office action. Thus, amended claim 1 specifies: "--pivotally mounting the platform--for angular displacement about a rotational axis at an intersection between said pair of track paths--spreader means for respectively suspending said two containers from said pair of trolleys--". Similar limitations are set forth in amended claim 3. According to the disclosure in the Sawyer patent relied on for rejection, the referred to platform above tracks (24) is not pivotally mounted for angular displacement at an intersection between track paths (31 and 32) as called for in amended claims 1 and 3. Also the referred to trolley (9) is suspended from the I-beam track (8), rather than suspension of containers from trolleys as called for in amended claims 1 and 3. In regard to the disclosure in the Taylor patent relied on for rejection, the referred to platform in the form of mono-rail sections S and S' are not pivoted at an intersection between two track paths on the trackway T as called for in amended claims 1 and 3.

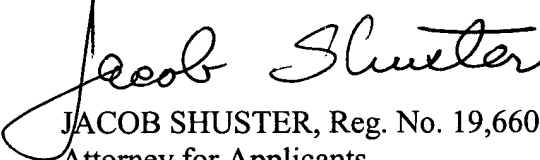
In view of the foregoing referred to distinctions over the disclosures in the Sawyer and

Appln. No. 10/758,560

Amendment in Reply to Office action dated July 6, 2005

Taylor patents, an allowance of amended claims 1 and 3 together with claims 2 and 4 dependent therefrom is in order and hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,


JACOB SHUSTER, Reg. No. 19,660
Attorney for Applicants

Tele: 301 227-1835
OFFICE OF COUNSEL, CODE 004
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER
CARDEROCK DIVISION
DAVID TAYLOR MODEL BASIN
9500 MACARTHUR BLVD
WEST BETHESDA, MD 20817